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REPORT

Date November 17, 1937.

Subject Nat Nathanson and Marie Beatrice Emslie King.

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Nat Nathanson, a naturalized American Citizen, holder of United States Passport No.66 issued in Singapore on 16th March, 1934, spends most of his time, it is believed, in Singapore, where he usually stays at Raffles' Hotel. He is head of the Nathanson Theatrical Agency, and has at various times run cinema shows in Singapore and in Malacca. He is known to have stated, on one occasion, that he was formerly employed with Electric and Musical Industries (China) Ltd., 1099 Route de Siccawei, but enquiries have proved this statement to be false. He is also known to travel regularly between Shanghai, Singapore, Manila and Bangkok and his mission on these occasions is usually stated to be "theatrical business," but he is strongly suspected by the authorities of some of the cities he visits to be engaged in smuggling narcotics.

He is lawfully married to a French woman by whom he has one child. This child is now at school in America. Mrs. Nathanson keeps a brothel in Bangkok and he visits her regularly about once a month, usually returning from these trips plentifully supplied with money, but it is not known whether this money comes from his wife or from some other source.

He has, for several years past, had a mistress in the person of Miss Marie Beatrice Emslie King, British, 23 years old, holder of passport No.11203 issued in Singapore on 19th February 1934. Her mother is a fully qualified nurse and masseuse at the General Hospital in Singapore and is reported to be a woman of respectable character. She disapproves of her daughter's association with Nathanson, but is unable to prevent her indulging an infatuation for a man who regularly

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illtreats her. In about August 1935, when in Shanghai, Miss King had a child by Nathanson, and in October of that year the man and his mistress made arrangements to go to the United States, with the child. However, Miss King was refused a visa by the United States Consul-General in Shanghai on account of her association with Nathanson, so she returned to Singapore in October 1935, with the baby, which is now being cared for by Nathanson's wife in Bangkok. In the same month Nathanson sailed for Vancouver by the s.s. "Empress of Canada."

Miss King was refused a visa by the British Consul-General at Hongkong on April 3, 1936 because of her association with Nat Nathanson, "a suspected trafficker in narcotics." Neither Nathanson or Miss King has ever come to the notice of either of the police forces in Shanghai and no proof of the former's suspected activities can, therefore, be obtained.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 250. SHANGHAI.

15th October, 1937.

Dear Bourne,

I enclose herewith two photographs of (1) a Russian Jew naturalised American named NAT NATHANSON, holder of United States passport No.66 issued at Singapore on 16th March 1934 and (2) his mistress Miss MARIE B. EMSLIE KING, holder of Singapore passport No.11203 issued 19th February 1934 valid for 5 years.

This couple, accompanied by a child which Miss King had in Shanghai in 1935, arrived in Bombay from Shanghai on 1st September 1937 in the M.V. "Victoria". On arrival he stated that he was an engineer in the employ of Motiograph, Chicago, and that he proposed to leave in a week for the United Kingdom. Instead of doing so, however, he and his companion left Bombay on 13th September 1937 for the Far East in the S.S. "Conte Rosso".

This man's movements during the past two years have aroused suspicion as he has travelled extensively while apparently without funds; further there is an unconfirmed rumour that his wife is a brothel keeper in Bangkok and that his activities may be connected with the white slave traffic.

I should be much obliged for any information which you can give me. In his visa application last June he gave his address as Broadway Mansions.

Yours sincerely,

James Barton.

Major K. M. Bourne, M.C.,
Shanghai.

P.S. Could I have the photos back when you have finished with them?

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Dear Barton,

With reference to your letter dated 15th October, 1937, I send herewith a copy of report on Nat Nathanson and Miss Marie B. Emslie King whose photographs are returned as requested.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

James Barton, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.